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# HURL TERRIBLE RAIN OF SHELLS ON BRITISH LINES

## 600,000 Germans Participated in Grand Offensive

### HEAVY FIGHTING CONTINUES BETWEEN BRITISH AND HUNS

Allied Troops Falling Back to Previously Prepared Positions in Good Order

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, March 23.—The war of attrition continued until late last night along the whole front. During the afternoon powerful hostile attacks were delivered. The great weight of infantry and artillery broke through our defensive system west of St. Quentin. Our troops on this part of the battlefield are falling back in good order across a devastated area to prepared positions further west. Our troops on the northern portion of the battlefield are holding their positions. Very heavy fighting with fresh hostile forces is in progress.

For the first time since the establishment of the trench system the defensive zone has been broken through on the western front. The belligerents have been able only to bend back the line in other great attacks. Unless the British are able to restore the situation by a counter attack a withdrawal over a wide front may be necessary with open field warfare. The break is near the southern end of the German attacking front.

The Daily Mail correspondent says the British described the German artillery preparation as the most violent they ever endured. It is estimated that 600,000 Germans participated in the offensive. Reuters correspondent says the Germans entered Mory but were ejected by a dashing British counter. A large party was surrounded and probably captured. It is believed that fifty German divisions engaged probably twenty-five of the waiting reserve. The British are falling back slowly and in excellent order under a terrific onslaught. In many places they are withdrawing voluntarily to maintain an unbroken front.

The Daily Mail correspondent said

that all our known battery positions were drenched with gas, but that the gas shells failed to reach all our batteries, nor did they succeed in breaking our wire entanglements. One point where the Germans found the entanglements unbroken, they cut their way through with scissors, under our machine gun fire. The British airmen reported the Germans composing a special assault division, wore new uniforms. "Got on their best clothes for a visit to Paris," one British general commented.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, March 23.—The attention of all England is centered on the western front. There is no boastful news but the feeling is one of supreme confidence and pride in the army. The newspapers warn against any undue optimism, but they point out that the fighting instinct still lives in the British breast notwithstanding long years of peace. It has since developed this is indeed the great period of the German offensive, the most colossal struggle in the world's history, and the public press is unanimously of the opinion that its failure means the end of the war.

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, March 23.—The battle line has extended southward. It is reported that the French have been engaged, according to Reuters' correspondent.

(By Associated Press.) Mory is located fifteen miles below Arras and four miles back of the former British lines. Amsterdam dispatches picture the Kaiser in command in the west with headquarters at Spa, Belgium. It is believed he has staked his all on this offensive.

### SLAUGHTER OF HUNS APPALLING AS BRITISH HOLD GUNS ON LINES

Every Available British Gun Trained Twelve Times on Solid Ranks of Enemy

(By Associated Press.) AT BRITISH HEADQUARTERS, France, March 23.—Gallantly fighting, the British are still presenting a solid front to the fiercely fighting Germans, although the defensive troops have withdrawn their lines in certain places for strategic reasons.

The fighting west of Gouze continues. Villers and Faucon have been captured. The operation is so vast and changing with such kaleidoscopic rapidity as the line surges back and forth, it is impossible to visualize it. Forty-six German divisions are identified in the attack. Some estimates run as high as ninety divisions.

The slaughter in the enemy ranks has been appalling. Twelve different times every available British gun was concentrated on the solid

massed bodies of the enemy. The airmen grew weary of emptying machine guns and dropping their bombs into the dense gray crowds and returning for more ammunition.

(By Associated Press.) BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 23.—It is reported that the enemy infantry has pushed across the Somme canal and driven forward against positions to which the British retired. The German cavalry is advancing behind the infantry. These are apparently attacking forces intended to make a supreme effort to rupture the British line along this sector. The Germans are pressing their attack hard on the British right flank near Ham. On the northern end of the battlefield there has been desperate fighting since yesterday about Mory, which place has changed hands several times.

### TROTSKY BRANDS RUMORS AS FALSE

(By Associated Press.) MOSCOW, Thursday, March 21.—Rumors that Austrian and German prisoners of war have occupied the Trans-Siberian Railway are characterized as an absolute falsehood in a dispatch received by Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, in response to inquiries made of the representatives of the Bolshevik commissars at Irkutsk.

### RURAL CARRIERS RECEIVE INCREASE

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 23.—Rural letter carriers receiving \$1200 a year or less are granted an increase of 20 per cent by an amendment tentatively added to the postal increase bill yesterday by the house. Rural carriers, whose routes are more than 20 miles in length would also receive additional compensation of \$24 a year for each mile more than twenty they travel each day. The house still has the bill under discussion.

### GERMANS CONTINUE ADVANCE IN RUSSIA

(By Associated Press.) MOSCOW, March 23.—Notwithstanding that peace with Germany has been ratified by congress of workmen and soldiers' delegates, the German advance in Russia still continues, the evacuation of Petrograd having served only to change the German objective to Moscow. According to reports printed in the newspapers this morning the Germans are moving toward Moscow from three directions, southwest, west, and northwest. From the southwest they recently have advanced twenty-five miles from Konistop, province of Kholmogor, in the general direction of Bryansk, which is 235 miles from Moscow by rail. From the east the Germans are approaching Smolensk, which is about 250 miles from Moscow. In the northwest they have captured the station of Rosenovskaya, in the government of Vitebsk.

### HUNS WILL HANG ALL RED GUARDS

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, Thursday, March 21.—German officials operating in Finland and Ukraine have ordered the soldiers to take no prisoners but hang all Red Guards as they are only bandits. George Ledebour, independent socialist leader, declared in the Reichstag, "On one hand we make peace with the Bolsheviks, on the other we hang them. This is the best way to arouse their eternal hatred against everything German." President Kampff called the speaker to order.

### FRENCH DISPERSE GERMAN ATTACK

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, March 23.—French fire dispersed the German attack on Woevre last night. The Germans suffered appreciable losses and left some prisoners. The announced measures of counter attacking on the enemy cannon are under execution. An air raid alarm has been given.

### LIBERTY LOAN IS BEFORE CONGRESS

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 23.—Conditions of the third Liberty loan will be made public Monday by Secretary McAdoo in the form of recommendations to congress on the size, interest rate and other features which will require legislation. After conferring all day with governors of federal reserve banks and chairmen of Liberty loan campaign committees, the secretary announced he would meet Chairman Kitchen of the house ways and means committee tomorrow and would make his decision afterward. Some of the bankers and business men participating in the conference today advocated a loan of \$500,000,000 or less at 4 1/2 per cent, but the secretary did not disclose his opinion definitely.

### I. W. W. TO COMBAT THE LIBERTY LOAN

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, March 23.—A bond issue and a campaign for the sale of "general defense stamps" have been started by the I. W. W. to combat the Liberty loan and War Savings Stamp campaign, according to literature seized by federal officials in recent raids on I. W. W. headquarters and made public tonight. Thousands of dollars already have been realized from the sale of the bonds and stamps, according to the literature. The money is to be used in defense of members now in jail and in the furtherance of sabotage, according to one pamphlet.

### BOARD RECOMMENDS WARMER CLOTHING

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 23.—Warmer and more durable army clothing and blankets are recommended by a board of inquiry of the quartermaster's department, announced last night by Acting Quartermaster General Goethals. If the recommendations, which meet with General Goethals' approval regarding weight, are adopted the uniform cloth will be twenty ounces instead of sixteen as at present. The weight of the overcoat cloth is recommended to be thirty-two ounces instead of thirty, now used and the weight of blankets is increased from three to four pounds. In both of these re-worked wool or shoddy to the extent of 35 per cent may be used. The inquiry board reported that shoddy could be advantageously used in overcoats and blankets.

### WARSHIP CAPTURES A GERMAN RAIDER

(By Associated Press.) A PACIFIC PORT, March 23.—Germany's first attempt to outfit a raider at a west coast Mexican port with which to create havoc among Pacific coast shipping has been frustrated. The auxiliary schooner Alexander Agassiz, 32 tons net, formerly owned and operated by the University of California in research work at sea, was captured 15 miles off Mazatlan, Mexico, at 11 o'clock last Tuesday morning by an American gunboat, according to advices received here yesterday. The Agassiz, flying the flag of the imperial German navy, heavily armed and carrying a crew of five, did not attempt to engage the gunboat when overhauled. The crew surrendered. The Agassiz, manned by a crew of American bluejackets, is en route here under guard of the gunboat. The German prisoners of war will be landed here. The Agassiz is expected in port within two or three days. It will be turned over to the United States deputy marshal. The Agassiz was not large enough to be used extensively as a raider. Federal officials say, however, that it was the intention of the German crew to capture a Pacific Mail boat running to Panama, outfit it with heavier guns than could be mounted on the Agassiz, recruit a full crew from pro-Germans now living at West Coast Mexican ports and then start out on a reign of terror.

(By Associated Press.) A PACIFIC PORT, March 23.—Navy officers have announced that there are two women among the thirteen persons aboard the German raider Alexander Agassiz being towed here by an American warship. SAMMIES KILL HUN AIRMEN (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 23.—Lieutenant Lerner and Corporal Ayles are American aviators named in today's official dispatches as bringing down German airplanes.

### HUNS LAUNCH HEAVY GAS ATTACK ON LINES HELD BY AMERICANS

Sammies Rain Shells on First and Third Lines of the Enemy

(By Associated Press.) AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Friday, March 22.—German batteries in the vicinity of Rochecourt launched a heavy gas attack last night against a town near our lines northeast of Toul. Mustard fumes hung low over our lines for several hours. The American artillery retaliated.

The town shelled contained a number of Americans. Our artillery dropped large shells on the Joll wood and secured a direct hit of

the target, causing a tremendous explosion. We also shelled the enemy first and third line trenches. Intermittent artillery is in progress on both the Toul and the Lunerville sectors. Three American patrols reached the enemy lines early today but were discovered in the moonlight and driven out. Our infantry discovered and drove off an enemy patrol inside our wire entanglements. It is believed that they suffered casualties.

### MINE BLOWS UP HUN'S TRANSPORT

(By Associated Press.) STOCKHOLM, March 23.—The Dagblad reports another German transport blown up by a mine near Aland Island, the point where the Hindenburg was sunk. The transport Frankland rescued the men but was damaged by another explosion.

### LIST IMPORTS THAT ARE PROHIBITED

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 23.—The first list of imports to be prohibited entrance into this country in an effort to conserve tonnage for prosecuting the war, was made public tonight by the War Trade Board under authority of President Wilson's proclamation of February 14, which put all imports under license. By denying permits for the importation of certain metals, foodstuffs and luxuries, which can be obtained here or can be sacrificed to the greater need of putting ships into war business, the board expects to add 1,500,000 dead weight tons to the fleet carrying men and munitions to Europe.

### HUNS MUST VOTE AT ALL ELECTIONS

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, March 23.—The Prussian minister of the interior, Dr. Drews, stated before the franchise committee of the Prussian house of deputies that the German government was considering the question of making the exercise of the franchise obligatory, according to German newspapers received here. The Cologne Gazette stated that, during the election for the Reichstag in 1912, 15 per cent of the 14,442,000 of the voters refrained from voting. The newspaper added that the principle of obligatory exercise of the franchise introduced in 1894 in Belgium had proved a success.

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TODAY AND A YEAR AGO.  
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Official readings of the thermometer by the United States observer at Tonopah:  
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5 a. m. 39 23  
9 a. m. 48 20  
12 noon 55 37  
Maximum March 22 58 35  
Minimum March 22 37 14  
Relative humidity at noon today, 42 per cent.  
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### PIERCE SECOND LINE OF ALLIES

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, March 23.—The army headquarters has announced that the Germans have penetrated the enemy second line between Fontaine, Les-croiselles and Mours. They captured 25,000 prisoners, 400 guns and 300 machine guns in the villages of Vauz, Uracourt and Morchies, located three and a half and two and a half miles behind the former British lines, respectively. The British counter attack failed.

### HUNS MASS TROOPS; PENETRATE LINES

(By Associated Press.) BERLIN, March 23.—The Germans forced a crossing over the Oise twelve miles south of St. Quentin and fought across the heights of Savy and Rouppe, penetrating the third hostile position. South of Somme they broke through the hostile lines and drove the enemy over the Crozat canal towards the west.

### HUNS DROP BOMBS BEHIND FRENCH

(By Associated Press.) PARIS, Friday, March 22.—Enemy airplanes crossed the French lines and dropped bombs on Compiègne and different towns in that region. Several advanced further south but were turned by the artillery. Apparently they intended a raid on Paris but didn't reach the capital.

### ORDER RECRUITING OF MORE MARINES

(By Associated Press.) DENVER, March 23.—The local marine corps recruiting station has been instructed to enlist additional men immediately. It had previously been limited to four enlistments weekly.

### TWENTY-NINE ARE ON CASUALTY LIST

(By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, March 23.—There were twenty-nine casualties in today's list. One was killed in action, three died by accident, eight by disease and there were two other cases.

### DEFEATS FATHER FOR PARLIAMENT

(By Associated Press.) LONDON, March 23.—Returns show that William Redmond has been elected to succeed his father, John Redmond, the Nationalist leader in parliament.

### JURY ACQUITS AN ALLEGED SPY

(By Associated Press.) BALTIMORE, March 23.—Edward Otis, claiming to be a native of Riga, Russia, formerly quartermaster on a United States transport, was acquitted in the United States court here yesterday, where he was on trial for the second time on the charge of violating the espionage act. At the first trial last week the jury failed to agree.

**BUTLER THEATRE**  
**TO-NIGHT**  
A DOUBLE BILL  
Everybody's Favorite  
HAROLD LOCKWOOD  
in  
"THE SQUARE DECEIVER"  
A Comedy-Drama of Unusual  
Fascination  
and  
A Mack Sennett Two-Reel  
Comedy  
"THAT NIGHT"  
TOMORROW  
VIOLA DANA  
in  
"ALADDIN'S OTHER LAMP"  
PEARL WHITE  
in  
"THE FATAL RING"  
Matinee 1:30—Night 7 & 8:30  
Admission 10c-15c